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SUBJECT:NEA: US COMMENTS ON UK NOTIFICATION OF SEA DISPOSAL OPERATION

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1. MISSION REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING US COMMENTS TO NEA IN RESPONSE APRIL 21 NEA LETTER (EN/S/2174) CIRCULATING UK NOTIFICATION CONCERNING JULY SEA DUMPING OPERATION:

A. THE US DOES NOT NOW CONDUCT ANY OCEAN DISPOSAL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES NOR DOES IT ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO DO SO. HOWEVER, FOR THOSE COUNTRIES UNDERTAKING OCEAN DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS WE STRONGLY SUPPORT STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION, THE PROVISIONAL IAEA DEFINITION AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE NEA STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE

## UK NOTIFICATION ASSURES SUCH ADHERENCE.

B. PURSUANT TO THE U.K. NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 3 (B) (I) OF THE DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND SURVEILLANCE

MECHANISM FOR SEA DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE, MORE COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVENTORY, FOR EXAMPLE AS GIVEN IN THE DUTCH - SWISS NOTIFICATION (NEA TRANSMITTAL DATED MARCH 21), WOULD BE USEFUL. IT WOULD BE HOPED SUCH INFORMATION COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) ESTIMATE OF THE RA-226 INVENTORY IN CURIES;
- (2) ESTIMATE OF THE PLUTONIUM INVENTORY IN CURIES;
- (3) TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, ESTIMATE OF THE PERCENTAGE OR ACTIVITY COMPOSITION OF THE 30,000 CURIES OF NON-TRITIUM BETA-GAMMA WASTE TO INCLUDE CESIUM-134, CESIUM-137, STRONTIUM-90, AND COBALT-60.
- (C) FOR ITS PRESENT REVIEW AND FUTURE CONSIDERATION

THE US WOULD FIND IT USEFUL IF NEA COULD PROVIDE THE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONTAINER DESIGNS NOS. 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, AND 2585, REFERRED TO IN THE U.K. INFORMATION NOTE. VANCE

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